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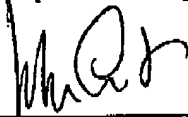
Claims 1, 2, 17, 22-28 and 34 stand rejected under 35 USC 103. The examiner has indicated that claims 18 and 29-33 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1, 2, 17, 22-28 and 34 without abandoning the subject matter of these claims and has rewritten claims 18, 29 and 30 in independent form as new claims 35, 37 and 45. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications containing claims directed to the subject matter of claims 1, 2, 17, 22-28 and 34.

Since the examiner has indicated that claims 18 and 29-33 contain allowable subject matter, applicant submits that the new independent claims are patentable. It follows that the dependent claims also are patentable.

The examiner's objection to the abstract has been noted. A substitute abstract is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

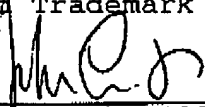
  
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